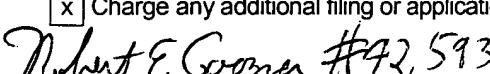




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Applicant(s): Yo YAMATO et al.					
Invention: METHOD OF REDUCING NOX					
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated February 2, 2006, the period for response having been extended (1) one month to June 2, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1-3 and 5-15, the following comments are respectfully submitted in connections with the above-identified application.

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